(iii) Delhi-Bombay (*via* Central Railway). The gap section from Itarsi to Bhusawal.

(iv) Bina-Katni-Bilaspur and Anuppur-Bishrampur.

(v) Jolarpettai-Erode and Salem-Mettur Dam.

(vi) Jolarpettai-Bangalore.

(vii) Bhopal-Nagda.

(viii) Kazipet-Sanatnagar.

(ix) Sonnagar-Patratu.

In addition to above the following new routes have been proposed for electrification in the year 1991-92:—

(i) Delhi-Ambala-Ludhiana.

(ii) Gumia-Patratu.

(iii) Sitarampur-Jhajha.

(iv) Bokaro - Muri - Hatia-Bondamunda - Barsuan - Bimlagarh-Kiriburu.

(v) Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar.

Decline in tourist traffic to Goa and other places

1198. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in both foreign and domestic tourist traffic to Goa and various other places in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) to what extent tourist traffic has declined in comparison to the last year; and

(d) what are the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) to (c) There is an over all decline of 0.5 per cent in foreign tourist traffic to the country during 1990 due to various reasons including Gulf crisis, adverse publicity of various events in India in the overseas markets, reduced air seat capacity in the domestic sector, etc. Available information from State Governments including Goa does not indicate any over all decline in the domestic tourist traffic during 1990.

(d) Efforts are being made through diplomatic channels and through direct publicity to reassure and attract prospective and travel trade abroad.

Decentralisation of Central Government purchases by DGS&D

1199. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Minister has changed the former Prime Minister's proposal to decentralise Central Government purchases by the DGS&D.

(b) if so, whether this decision to decentralise was originally to come into effect by 31st December, 1990 but has been postponed; and

(c) whether any date has now been fixed from which this would likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Kuttirs in Madhya Pradesh

1200. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct 4693 Kuttirs in Madhya Pradesh under the Indira Gandhi Awas Yojna and also under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojana during 1991-92;

(b) if so, what is the total amount likely to be spent thereon;

(c) what is the amount of aid to be provided under the IRDP;

(d) by when these houses would be ready; and

(e) what are the criteria for allotment of these houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), which is a component of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), houses are constructed free of cost for the target group consisting of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) Scheduled Tribes (STs) and freed bonded labourers below the poverty line. As per the existing guidelines, 6 per cent of the resources at the national level under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana are earmarked for the Indira Awas Yojana and distributed among the States in accordance with a set criteria. The number of houses (Kuttirs) to be constructed under the JRY and the amount likely to be spent thereon in Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92, would depend upon the resource allocation for 1991-92 under the JRY which has not been finalised so far.

(c) and (d) As per the information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, presently no aid is provided under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) for construction of Kuttirs. Further houses targetted for the year are likely to be ready during the same year.

(e) According to the instructions issued by the Central Government, the allotment of IAY houses among the target group is required to be made as per the following order of priority:—

(i) Freed bonded labourers.

(ii) SC/ST house holds below poverty line headed by widows, unmarried women or the victims of harassment.

(iii) SC/ST households below poverty line but the allotment of house to be in the name of the female members of the beneficiaries household.

(iv) Allotment in the joint name of husband/wife.

Dual fertiliser policy

1201. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item entitled; "Dual fertiliser price policy on the anvil" which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated the 12th January, 1991, mentioning the Deputy Prime Minister's categorical assurance that there is no proposal before Government to reduce fertiliser subsidy;

(b) whether Government are aware of the survey made by the National Council for Applied Economic Research (Demand Study 1980) which shows that small and marginal farmers (with land upto two hectares) owning about 25 per cent of the total cultivated area account for only 31 per cent of the fertiliser consumer;

(c) if so, whether the subsidy is being targetted at rich farmers who consume 70 per cent of the total fertilisers consumed for over 70 per cent of the gross cropped area;

(d) whether Government proposed to adopt dual fertiliser price policy to safeguard the interests of poor farmers while ensuring a reduction in subsidy and through a hike in the price for rich farmers;

(e) whether any other programme is also being considered by Government; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The fertilisers are made available to all the categories of farmers at uniform notified prices which are below the cost of production or imports, as the case may be.

(d) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.